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To the People of Punta Gorda and Vicinity

I beg to announce that I am adding to my stock of **First Class Groceries, Fruits and Confectioneries** a big line of **GROCERY, CLASSWARE AND TINWARE.**

and will continue to put in new lines of goods of different kinds as may be required until my stock is second to none in town.

I respectfully invite you to call and inspect my stock and prices, assuring you of

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS FITELY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

To-day is Decoration Day.
Town election next Tuesday.
County tax books close tomorrow.
Town council will meet Tuesday night.

City tax books will close next month.

To-day is May 30th. Sunday will be June 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. M. Earnest visited Bartow Monday.

Mr. W. H. Towles passed through town Saturday on his way from Jacksonville.

Miss Anna Belle Boyd is up from Fort Myers on a visit to her mother at Hotel King.

For two weeks past, this market has been well supplied with peaches and watermelons, all grown here.

The Chadwick Bros. Fish Co. began this week building two new wharves to add to their fishing fleet.

There is perhaps less dust in Punta Gorda than in any other town in the United States, and yet it is not a wet town.

Big excursion to Tampa next Monday; \$1.50 for the round-trip. Train leaves 7 a. m. and gets back at midnight.

Everybody is likely to go to Tampa next Monday, as the fare for the round-trip from here is only \$1.50. Train leaves 7 a. m.

Hon. H. S. Phillips of Tampa, candidate for State's attorney, was in town looking after his political interests yesterday.

Prof. W. L. Colby, a brilliant teacher of German, after a pleasant visit of a week to his cousin, Capt. Chas. G. Davis, returned to his home in New York Monday.

The correct date on the outside of this paper should be May 30th and the number 21. Last week's date and number were accidentally left unchanged in the paper.

Mr. H. E. VanRiper, late manager of Hotel Punta Gorda, is now managing Woodcleft Inn, at Freeport, a delightful summer resort on Long Island. He sends his kindest regards to friends here.

Rev. T. J. Purdue and family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for the kind solicitude and tender sympathy shown them in their recent sad affliction in the loss of their only son and brother.

On Sunday, 11th inst., while the family were at church, a thief entered the home of John Collier at Crewsville and stole \$9,750 in bank bills and gold. No clue to the robber.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Rankin, the Misses Pepper, Rev. C. H. Ferran and Col. Weeks enjoyed a three-day cruise down the bay this week in Capt. O. B. Hall's staunch yacht, the "Ethel Q."

A very pretty feature of the morning services at the Episcopal church is the choir of children, who dressed in robes, march in at the beginning of the services and out at the close. Their voices add to the music.

Mesdames C. H. Gill and H. J. Nisbet and Miss Nora Condon left Wednesday for Haverhill, Ky., to spend the summer. Mrs. Gill will stop en route in Germantown, Philadelphia, to visit her niece for several days.

City Collector Smith wishes it generally and distinctly understood that the city tax books will positively close on the last day of June. All who wish to save costs should bear this in mind and remember that the last day of June does not mean the last day of July. Better pay your taxes right now and be done with it.

Geo. W. Bailey, a darkey of good character, age 48 years, died Monday morning and was buried the next day by the colored Odd Fellows. He had been a porter in the store of Ed. Wotitzky and proved himself faithful and honest. He leaves a wife and six children; also a neat amount of property.

Master Arthur Sipprell's lecture on Alaska in the schoolhouse Monday night merited a larger audience than he had. Those present were well pleased and speak highly of the lecture, saying it was well worth the price of admission. We commend Master Sipprell to any other communities he may visit and bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

Amongst those who went from here on the Charleston excursion Wednesday evening were: Misses B. E. Reynolds and Louise Conolly and Messrs. Jas. L. Sandlin, Jas. R. Elliott, M. A. Willis and Elvin Willis. All except Miss Conolly and Mr. Elliott will go from Charleston to North Carolina to spend the summer.

Mr. John Brenzel and family are luxuriating at Boca Grande.

Col. Pepper will speak in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Money to loan. K. B. Harvey, agent.

Three aldermen are to be elected next Tuesday. Vote for the best men.

Mrs. Wm. Krause arrived Tuesday from Avon Park to visit her son, Mr. Wm. Krause, Jr., for several weeks.

Pure, fresh candy made daily; factory next to King Hotel.—21tf.

Miss Sallie Jeffers closed her school on Alligator creek last week and returned to her home in Plant City.

The wilderness of guava bushes in and around town is loaded with fruit. And there also will be a full crop of mangoes.

Mr. V. D. Carlton of Wauchula spent several days here the past week and during his stay favored THE HERALD with a call.

For wholesome, pure candy buy it from factory next to King Hotel.—21tf.

Prof. Henry Damm, of St. Petersburg, who is visiting here for the cultivation of the higher emotions, was a pleasant caller in this sanctum Tuesday.

The candidates for aldermen in next Tuesday's election are Jas. R. Elliott, Jno. C. Lewis, Thos. O'R. Jameson, Belton Bassett and Francis K. Adams. Three are to be chosen.

Two weddings are on the tapis,—one here and one at Brooksville. The bride-to-be in the latter case is Miss Florence Young, whom this scribe knew at Leesburg and admired as a most lovely and lovable girl. After her wedding, she will live here.

FOR SALE: Cleaned Beggar Weed Seed: State quantity wanted. Write for prices to Jno. A. Germond, Edgar, Putman Co. Fla. 17-6t

The express rate on pineapples from here to Chicago has been reduced from \$2.57 per crate to \$1.85. That's right; reduce the rate and increase the business and let both growers and express company get rich.

It is too early to say that apples cannot be raised at Punta Gorda. Mr. P. O. Riekman appears to be making a success growing them on his place on Alligator creek. He brought in last Friday a twig with two green apples the size of quail eggs on it.

The Punta Gorda Livery Stables, E. A. Seward, manager, is a new enterprise recently established which solicits a share of the public patronage. Good horses and buggies and fair treatment. 17tf.

Within an hour possibly after THE HERALD appeared last week, two parties called to get that watch advertised as having been found and one proved to be the owner. The other had also lost a watch, but not the one that was found, which is worth \$20 or more. Thus we see the value of even a 25c. advertisement.

As county commissioners and members of the school board got the least pay of all the county officers, THE HERALD offers candidates for these positions a special rate of \$2.50 each for their announcements. All others are charged \$5.00 each spot cash in advance. Extra or unusual space taken up in an announcement is charged extra.

When you wake up with a bad taste in your mouth, go at once to any drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One or two doses will make you well. They also cure biliousness, sick headache and constipation. p m

The "old reliable" Florida Fertilizer Co. of Gainesville are in this field for business and have appointed McLane and Oliver as their agents for Punta Gorda and vicinity. They have been making fertilizers for many years and are thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of South Florida. Their long experience enables them to make fertilizers that are peculiarly adapted to the wants of the trucker and fruit grower of this region; and as their products have been tried for years and have given general satisfaction, we can confidently recommend them. See advertisement.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at any drug store. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25c. per box. p m

Messrs. Geo. T. Brown and L. T. Bloxham, with Attorney H. J. Spence, went down to Fort Myers, Monday, and informed the officials there as to Judge Wall's decision regarding that dead fishing law under which they had arrested a crew of Punta Gorda fishermen. The officials recognized the force and effect of Judge Wall's decision and turned the men loose, but they did it very ungraciously and with expressions indicating vexation and chagrin. It seems to be the spirit of the Fort Myers folks that, if they can not do any fishing themselves, they do not want any one else to enjoy the privilege.

DOWN THE HAY EXCURSIONS.

Yacht "Ethel Q." well known for superior accommodations, will take excursion parties of home folks down the bay by the day or week at very reduced rates. For rates, see O. B. Hall, owner.—2t.

MORE CANDIDATES.

Candidates for county officers are now announcing freely. Five names are added to the list in these columns this week.

Mr. James D. Southerland of Wauchula naturally wishes the people of Punta Gorda as well as of the rest of the county to look favorably upon his candidacy for tax collector; accordingly, his card is before them. He is well known and needs no commendation from this paper. His capability and honesty are generally recognized. His past record as collector is without a blemish; and if he is re-elected, the interests of the county will be safe in his hands.

Mr. F. M. Cooper is a candidate for re-election as tax assessor. THE HERALD is for him and that is enough to say, for this paper is supporting for office only those whom it believes to be thoroughly competent and deserving.

Mr. S. L. Griffin seeks re-election as county commissioner from District 5.—Zolfo. THE HERALD knows of only one objection to him and that is his policy of giving all the patronage of the board to one and the same newspaper every year. Otherwise, he has proved very faithful to his duties and is one of the most active and attentive county commissioners we ever saw. He is a man of his own head and will do what he thinks is his duty regardless of criticism. If the people approve of his policy towards the newspapers, they should re-elect him, for we know of nothing else against him.

Mr. J. H. Conannon is a candidate for county commissioner from this district. He has a strong following here and, if he has no opposition, will get the unanimous vote of this district. He is a gentleman of character and recognized business ability and is in every respect well qualified for the duties of the office. He will be favorably remembered throughout the county as the efficient secretary of the last county Democratic convention.

Mr. Cyrus Jones of Bowling Green, as may be seen by reference to our column of announcements, is a candidate for re-election to the county school board. Having been a member for some years, his record is before the people and, so far as we know, is clear. It seems to us that one member of the board should be from the Bowling Green section, one from Punta Gorda and the third from the central portion. Punta Gorda has never had a member of the board; and as she has the largest school in the county, she is certainly entitled to representation.

GREATLY ALARMED

By a Persistent Cough, but Permanently Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. H. P. Burbage, a student at law, in Greenville, S. C., had been troubled for four or five years with a continuous cough which he says, "greatly alarmed me, causing me to fear that I was in the first stage of consumption." Mr. Burbage, having seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised, concluded to try it. Now read what he says of it: "I soon felt a remarkable change and after using two bottles of the 25 cent size, was permanently cured." Sold by all Druggists. p m

The new lists of telephone subscribers just issued show a large increase in the number availing themselves of the service. The system is now in a very efficient condition and covers a large extent of territory.

"A man living on a farm near here came in a short time ago completely doubled up with rheumatism. I handed him a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and told him to use it freely and if not satisfied after using it he need not pay a cent for it," says C. P. Rayder, of Patten Mills, N. Y. "A few days later he walked into the store as straight as a string and handed me a dollar saying, 'give me another bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I want it in the house all the time, for it cured me.'" For sale by all druggists. p m

Shark fishing from the railroad dock is a favorite pastime with the young men now every afternoon. Several big ones were caught during the week. Amongst others, Dr. F. C. Latham, on Tuesday afternoon, captured a shark so large that it took two men to haul him out on the dock. After examining his teeth and retaining several of them as trophies, the doctor heaved the big fish back into the bay. These marine tigers pull on a line like wild steers and cavort around immensely. It is highly exhilarating to catch one.

In almost every neighborhood someone has died from an attack of cholera or cholera morbus, often before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. A reliable remedy for these diseases should be kept at hand. The risk is too great for anyone to take. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has undoubtedly saved the lives of more people and relieved more pain and suffering than any other medicine in use. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all druggists. p m

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A thorough business or shorthand education is a paying one, especially from a high grade college. Such an institution is the Tampa Business College of Tampa, Florida, which has been established since 1890. It holds the highest premiums from the Florida State Fair and employs the very best instructors. A training at this college is paying, because its President secures employment for its graduates. If you want to know more of this excellent Business Institution write for a free catalog. Address your card or letter to Tampa Business College, Tampa, Fla.

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Everything in the Grocery line, including Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices throughout. **Prompt Free Delivery.**

Seward's.

Whole wheat and Graham flour at SEWARD'S. Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes' and Wilson & Loomis's fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gents' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this.

Seward's.

Everybody is Interested

In getting the BEST goods at the LOWEST prices. That is what we are doing—getting the best of everything at lowest cost and giving

Our Customers the Benefit of the LOW PRICES we get ourselves. According when in need of Dry Goods, and Groceries, Shoes, Hats, Gents' Furnishings, or anything else in the nature of FAMILY, FARM or BOAT SUPPLIES, you will find it to your interest to call on

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